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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, WZ

SUBJECT: DEATH OF QUEEN MOTHER

REF: MBABANE 0082 (NOTAL)

1. THE QUEEN MOTHER OF SWAZILAND, NDLOVUKATI ZIHLATHI NDWANDWE, DIED ON JANUARY 22. ALTHOUGH THE NEWS BECAME COMMON KNOWLEGDE DURING THE DAY, THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WAS DELAYED UNTIL 8:30 A.. LOCAL TIME, JANUARY 23.

2. COMMENT. ZIHLATHI HAD HELD THE POSITION OF QUEEN MOTHER SINCE 1958; THUS HER SUCCESSOR WILL BE THE FIRST ONE CHOSEN SINCE INDEPENDENCE. THIS POSITION HAS CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE IN THE TRADITIONAL SWAZI POLITICAL SYSTEM, IN WHICH THE QUEEN MOTHER IS ACCORDED THE NOMINAL ROLE OF CO-RULER OF THE NATION. THE NEW QUEEN MOTHER, AND HER MALE RELATIVES, MAY PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE TRANSITION FROM SOBHUZA'S RULE; THEREFORE, THE CHOICE OF THE NEW QUEEN MOTHER WILL BE CAREFULLY WATCHED.

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